THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : Government's concern regarding Pakistan's involvement in extremist activities directed against India has repeatedly been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan. That Government has been informed that its involvement with such extremist elements could not but affect the process of normalisation of relations between the two countries.

This House was also informed on the 12th of May that Government does not propose to take up in the international fora Pakistan's complicity in terrorist activities in Punjab and that it is Government's policy to settle bilateral differences with Pakistan through bilateral negotiations.

Export of Arms by India

4428. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian arms are being exported to international markets at present ;

(b) if so, what is the scope of marketing Indian arms and the value of exports of Indian arms during the last 3 years ;

(c) whether Government have plans to encourage arms manufacturing in private sector for export purpose in view of a vast market for the same in developing nations; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) Limited export of arms, surplus to our requirements, is undertaken on very selective basis to friendly countries. Details regarding export of arms are of classified nature and cannot be divulged in national interest.

(c) Government have no plans at present to encourage arms manufacturing in private sector for export purpose.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply against part (c) above.

Identification of Earth Quake Prone Areas.

4429. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the earth quake prone areas identified in the country;

(b) whether any advance warning system has been indigenously developed to detect tremors and for timely warning to the people and authorities in the affected areas ;and

(c) what steps have been proposed to provide quick relief in the event of a earth quake ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYNAN): (a) No part of the country is totally free from earthquakes. Based on the data of the earlier earthquakes and geological features, the country has been divided into the following five zones depending on the magnitude of seismic activity:—

Zone V—Whole of Northeast India, West Uttar Pradesh hills, Rann of Kutch, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Parts of Kashmir

around Srinagar, Himachal Pradesh around Mandi and northern portion of Bihar adjoining Nepal.

Zone IV—Delhi, remaining portion of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and adjoining West Bengal, parts of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, a small portion near Calcutta and Maharashtra near Koyna (South of Bombay) and a part of Gujarat.

Zone III—Kerala, Goa, parts of Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh Bihar and adjoining West Bengal a small parts of Orissa near Bhubneswar, Andhra Pradesh and a small area of Rajasthan.

Zone II—Tamil Nadu, parts of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa.

Zone I—Remaining parts of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Zone V is seismically most active where earthquake of magnitude 8 or more on Richter scale may occur.

Zone I is the least seismically active area and earthquake of slight intensity only may occur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Immediate relief is provided by the State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government.

Diplomatic status to ANC Mission in Delhi

4430. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for not granting full diplomatic Status to the ANC mission in Delhi; and

(b) when Government propose to confer the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI) : (a) and (b) Government have consistently extended all possible political, moral and material support to the ANC. The question of according diplomatic status to the ANC Mission in Delhi continues to engage the attention of Government.

Tender for Supplying Combat Uniforms

4431. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Indian Express dated the 25th May, 1988 that an offer of supplying combat uniforms made against a tender could not be availed of in April, 1983 due to failure of the Department of Defence Production and Supplies to indicate clearly the technical and commercial specifications and later on in June, 1983 a second tender had to be floated which resulted in paying an extra amount of about Rs. 5.10 crores, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether an inquiry has been made, if so, what are the findings thereof and upon whom the responsibility has been fixed and with what follow-up action; and

(c) if no inquiry has been made what are the reasons therefor?